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MANDATE EGYPTIAN PRESS COVERAGE OF KISSINGER

PRESS CONFERENCE AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL REACTION

SUMMARYC FAHMY COMMENTED TO PRESS JULY 16 THAT ISRAELI GOVERNMENT SOURCES CONTINUE CONTRADICT THEMSELVES WITH STATEMENTS ON REACTION TO GOE DECISION NOT TO RENEW UNEF MANDATE. SEC KISSINGER'S REACTION CARRIED IN ALL THREE PAPERS. "ARAB CIRCLES" AND PLO IN PARTICULAR, WELCOME EGYPTIAN DECISION. EDITORIALS EMPHASIZE NECESSITY FOR SC TO SHOULDER ITS RIGHTFUL RESPONSIBILITY VIS-A-VIS FORCING ISRAEL TO ABIDE BY RESOLUTION. END SUMMARY.

1. LOCAL PRESS JULY 17 ACCORDS SUBSTANTIAL FRONT PAGE COVERAGE TO AFTERMATH OF GOE DECISION NOT TO RENEW UNEF MANDATE. GUMHURRIYYA BANNER HEADLINES "URGENT CONTACTS FOR CONVOCATION OF SECURITY COUNCIL";

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AHRAM AND AKHBAR CARRY REPORTS AS SECOND LEADS. STORIES CONCENTRATE

ON ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OF DEP PM/FM FAHMY JULY 16 IN RESPONSE TO REPORTS OF ISRAELI REQUEST TO RENEW MANDATE FOR 6 MONTHS IN WHICH HE "AFFIRMED" THAT UN EMERGENCY FORCES IN SINAI ARE STATIONED ON EGYPTIAN TERRITORY AND CANNOT REMAIN THERE WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE GOE. ASKED TO COMMENT ON ISRAELI REACTION TO GOE DECISION ATTRIBUTED TO ISRAELI GOVT SOURCES, FAHMY REPORTEDLY SAID "THERE ARE MANY CONFLICTING GOVT SOURCES IN ISRAEL AND FROM THESE CONFLICTING REVELATIONS IT BECOMES CLEAR THAT THESE SOURCES DO NOT KNOW WHAT TO SAY." FAHMY GAVE AS EXAMPLE STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO ISRAELI GOVT SOURCES THAT THERE IS NO RELATION BETWEEN RENEWAL OF UNEF MANDATE AND MOVE TOWARDS PEACE. AT SAME TIME, FAHMY REPORTEDLY SAID, ISRAELI SOURCE HAD "INTENTIONALLY FORGOTTEN," THAT RESPONSIBLE ISRAELI SOURCES HAD BEEN EAGER TO LEAK THE NEWS THAT NEW DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT HAD A RELATION TO UNEF MANDATE. THESE SOURCES ARE NOW CONTRADICTING THEMSELVES BY SAYING MANDATE SHOULD BE EXTENDED REGARDLESS OF PROGRESS.

2. REPORTS IN ALL THREE PAPERS INCLUDE COVERAGE OF REMARKS MADE BY SEC KISSINGER IN MILWAUKEE PRESS CONFERENCE, WITH EMPHASIS ON REMARK THAT TIMING OF EGYPTIAN DECISION CAME AS COMPLETE SURPRISE TO US. AHRAM REPORTS KISSINGER AS SAYING THAT EGYPT'S DECISION "UNDERLINES THE PRESSING NECESSITY OF REACHING AN AGREEMENT". AKHBAR AND GUMHURRIYYA, ON OTHER HAND, EMPHASIZE KISSINGER'S REMARKS ON HIS CONCERN OVER EGYPT'S REFUSAL TO EXTEND MANDATE. AKHBAR CARRIES MOST DETAILED COVERAGE: DECISION "COMPLICATES TREMENDOUSLY THE POSSIBILITIES OF NEGOTIATIONS AND AROUSES SERIOUS DOUBTS CONCERNING EFFORTS FOR NEGOTIATIONS....US WILL DISCUSS THE PROBLEM WITH THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO DETERMINE WHETHER SC CAN EXTEND THE MANDATE WITHOUT THE DIRECT REQUEST OF THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED... HE (KISSINGER) FEELS THAT UNEF CAN REMAIN IN SPITE OF EGYPT'S REFUSAL TO EXTEND THE MANDATE. IT IS PROBABLE THAT EGYPT'S REFUSAL TO EXTEND THE MANDATE IS AN ATTEMPT TO BREAK THE STALEMATE IN MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS. HE DECLARED THAT EGYPT'S DECISION IS EXTREMELY REGRETTABLE BUT THIS DECISION DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THE TERMINATION OF AGREEMENTS WHICH HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN DECIDED UPON.... KISSINGER IS CONCERNED OVER CONCEPTS IN THE LETTER TO THE SC AND WILL TRY TO GET AN EXPLANATION ON SOME OF THESE POINTS.... PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE IS DIFFICULT AND WILL CALL FOR SACRIFICES FROM PARTIES CONCERNED. IF EFFORTS TO REACH AN INTERIM SETTLEMENT

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FAIL, THE US WILL BE FORCED TO GO TO GENEVA TO REACH AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT. ALL THE PARTIES MUST REALIZE THAT THE COLLAPSE OF NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE SIGNIFICANT BEYOND THE IMAGINATION".

3. LOCAL PRESS ALSO REPORTS THAT "ARAB POLITICAL CIRCLES" WELCOME EGYPTIAN DECISION. PLO SPOKESMAN ABDUL MOHSIN ABU MAYZIR IS QUOTED AS SAYING IT WAS "GOOD DECISION", ADDING THAT PALESTINIANS HAD NOTHING TO LOSE IN ANY WAR SINCE THEY ARE ALREADY IN CAMPS

OUTSIDE THEIR COUNTRY. RADIO PALESTINE CALLED DECISION "PATRIOTIC AND RESPONSIBLE RIPOSTE TO ENEMY'S ATTEMPTS TO PROCRASTINATE". MIN STATE FOR FOR AFFAIRS RIAD IS REPORTED AS SAYING THAT REACTION OF ISLAMIC CONF TO EGYPTIAN DECISION WAS THAT IT IS "REALISTIC AND PROVES TO THE WORLD THAT ISRAEL IS STALLING IN IMPLEMENTING THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY."

4. AHRAH'S EDITOR IN CHIEF ALI HAMDY AL GAMAL WRITES IN FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL JULY 17 THAT EGYPT REJECTED MANDATE RENEWAL SO THAT ISRAEL, IN HER ARROGANCE, DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT HER DESIRES ARE NOT SUBJECT TO DISCUSSION. EGYPT DID NOT MAKE DECISION AS ACTION TOWARDS WAR; SHE HAS ALREADY PROVED BY ALL HER ACTS THAT SHE DESIRES PEACE. BUT EGYPT DECLARES TO WHOLE WORLD AND TO US AND ISRAEL IN PARTICULAR THAT SHE WILL NOT STAND WITH FOLDED ARMS WHILE ISRAEL FREEZES THE SITUATION INTO A STATE OF NO-PEACE, NO-WAR. ALTHOUGH EGYPT HAS SINCERELY COOPERATED IN TRYING TO CARRY OUT SC RESOLUTIONS, ISRAEL HAS OBSTRUCTED PEACE EFFORTS BY "ACCEPTING TODAY WHAT SHE REJECTS TOMORROW", SC MUST NOW SHOULDER ITS RESPONSIBILITY WITH COURAGE; WE DO NOT WANT APPEALS FOR SELF-RESTRAINT, WE WANT FIRM AND USEFUL MEASURE. AS FOR US, TWO VIEWS NOW PREVAIL HERE. FIRST IS THAT STEP-BY-STEP SHOULD BE CONTINUED BEFORE GENEVA, SECOND IS THAT US SHOULD GO BEYOND THIS TO OVERALL SETTLEMENT. US IS DEFINITELY CAPABLE OF CONDUCTING EITHER POLICY, BUT DOES SHE REALLY WANT TO? EGYPT'S DECISION FORCES US TO DECLARE ITS VIEWPOINT IN FRAMEWORK OF UPCOMING SC DEBATE. SOVIET STAND IS KNOWN, BUT GREATER PARTICIPATION IS REQUIRED; TO SAVE PEACE, SOVIET LINK-UP WITH US ON EARTH SHOULD FOLLOW SPACE LINK-UP. AS FOR ARAB SIDE, EGYPTIAN DECISION IS EXPRESSION OF PAN-ARAB DECISION.

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5. GUMHURIYYA'S DIPLOMATIC EDITOR HODA TAWFIQ ALSO DISCUSSES EGYPTIAN UNEF DECISION IN HER THURSDAY COLUMN. SHE CRISIS CANNOT BE REDUCED MERELY TO UNEF, SHE SAYS. SC MUST REVIEW SITUATION AND ISSUE RESOLUTION PUNISHING THOSE WHO OBSTRUCT PREVIOUS UN RESOLUTIONS. SHOULD SC EXTEND UNEF MANDATE, ITS STATUS WILL NOT BE SAME AS IT WAS PRIOR TO JULY 24. THERE WILL BE NO EXTENSION OF MANDATE UNLESS EXTENSION IS ACCOMPANIED BY CONTINUED WITHDRAWALS AND ULTIMATE RETURN TO INTERNATIONAL BORDERS. SIX-MONTH EXTENSION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTABLE UNDER CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES; MANDATE'S LIMITED EXTENSION MUST BE LINKED WITH ACTUAL MOVE TOWARDS PEACE. FAHMY HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT EGYPT "IS KEEN" THAT AMERICAN AND OTHER EFFORTS TOWARDS PEACE SHOULD CONTINUE. MAESTRONE

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